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THE

Preſent State of Affairs IN IRELAND.

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A Full and Diſtinct Relation of the Condition of the *Iriſh* Army; Of the Miſcarriages of the *French* Officers; And of ſeveral other Remarkable Things relating to *Dublin*.

In a LETTER from *CHESTER*, of *February* 5. from ſome Perſons lately arrived from *IRELAND*.

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LAſt Night, there arrived here upon a ſmall Barque from *Ireland*, ſeveral Officers who left our Camp on the *Thurſday* before, from whom I have received the following Account of Affairs there, which I have thought fit to Communicate to you.

That one Mr. *R. K.* an Attorney, and one Mr. *Hutchiſon* a principal Gunner in the Town of *Cork* with ſome others, having with ſome difficulty made their Eſcape from *Dublin* in a ſmall Boat, did on *Tueſday* before theſe Gentlemen came away, get ſafe to *Donaghdee*, and being brought before the Duke of *Schonberg*, they were Examined upon ſeveral things relating to the Condition of Affairs at *Dublin*. The ſubſtance of their Anſwer conſiſted of the following particulars. 'That Collonel *Buchan* with ſome 'orher Offic.rs, was ſent by the late 'King into *Scotland*, in a *Scotch* Fri-'gat of twenty eight Guns, which 'had been refitted at *Dublin*, with 'Cloaths and Arms, and ſeveral Com-'miſſions, in order to raiſe Diſtur-'bances and Commotions in that 'Kingdom, and that they are gone 'for *Innerlochy*, where Sir *Evan Ca-'meron*, Lord of *Locheale* Commands. 'That the late King is in daily Ex-'pectation of the Arrival of Six or 'Seven thouſand *French* men from '*France*, whether an equal Number 'of *Iriſh* is to be ſent in lieu of them, 'under the Command of Lieutenant 'General *Mackarty*, who lately made 'his Eſcape from *Inniskilling*. That 'the Earl of *Clancarty* having been 'ſome time ſince out of Favour, was 'upon his Unkle's return to *Dublin*, 'reſtored again to his Regiment of 'Horſe. That Monſieur *le Comte* 'D'Avaux the *French* Ambaſſador in '*Ireland*, is preparing for his return 'back again into *France*, from whence 'they ſay, He is to go in Quality of 'Ambaſſador Extraordinary to *Rome*; 'at the ſame time, the *Comte de Roſe*,

'the *French* Governor of *Cork*, makes 'account to return, he being much 'out of Favour, for having abuſed 'the Truſt the late King had put up- 'him, and for defrauding the Coun- 'try he Commanded in, of Five and 'thirty thouſand Pounds, which they 'ſay he ſent to *France* ſome while 'ago. The *French* Governour of *Drog- 'heda*, is in the ſame Circumſtances 'of Diſgrace, being found Guilty of 'falſe Muſters, and of receiving of the 'Pay of Six hundred Men (for a con- 'ſiderable time) more then he actu- 'ally had; he is to return into *France* at the ſame time that Mon- 'ſieur *D'Avaux* does.

That the *Iriſh* Horſe are much ſpoil'd and diminiſhed in their Numbers, inſomuch, that it is generally believed that the late King will not be able to bring into the Field the next Campaign, nothing nigh ſo good a Body of Men or Horſe, as he did laſt year; and that for all the great noiſe that was made of their mighty numbers then, Mr. *K.* ſays, That they were at no time more then Six thouſand Horſe.

That they have made ſome Fortifications about *Dublin*, ſuch as Trenches and Paliſadoes, and ſet up Gates on the ſeveral Bridges of the Town; but that there has not been ſo raging a Sickneſs amongſt the Inhabitants of *Dublin*, nor ſuch Mortality as was talked of; tho it was very great amongſt the Army, and they carried the ſame whereſoever they came. That the late King is at *Dublin*, where there are only three Regiments Quartered, and two Regiments more at *Drogheda*, the reſt of the Army being Quartered up and down in *Munſter*.

They further ſay, That the Proteſtants in *Dublin* have all their Churches but *Chriſt Church*, which is employ'd by the Roman Catholicks; that there have been no hardſhips put upon them of late, and that all things are pretty plenty there, conſidering the Circumſtances they are under, excepting Bread; the ſcarcity of Corn being occaſioned by the late Kings raiſing the Copper Money to double the Value that it paſt for at firſt, which made the Country-people unwilling to bring their Corn to Market, but that that was preſently remedy'd by a Proclamation, wherein all Perſons were ſtrictly Commanded to bring in their Grain to the Market, threatning withal, that in caſe they forbore bringing their Corn as formerly, the ſame ſhould be taken from them by the Army, and expoſe them all to Military Execution; which had ſuch an Operation on the People, that they began immediately to repair to the Market with their Corn. And that one of the Ships that carried over the Money and Cloaths for our Army, had been in ſome danger of ſtriking on an unſeen Rock, inſomuch, that the Maſter quitted her, and gave her over for loſt; but that the Maſters Mate continued on Board her, and had the good luck to bring her ſafe into *Carrick-fergus*.

This is all that I have at preſent to acquaint you with, on the truth whereof you may rely, having had it from the Mouths of thoſe that are come lately from thoſe Parts.

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